

**Tip for the Church Committee:** The probe of the CIA's use of international corporations as cover for operations abroad should include a look at the Hilton hotel chain. At least two executives who held high positions with Hilton in Latin America were "spookier than a graveyard," by one account. One starting point for Church's men: Philippe de Vosjoli, who ran French intelligence operations in the United States for the Deuxieme Bureau, his country's equivalent of the CIA, dedicated his memoirs (*Lamia*) to my "courageous and loyal friend Frank M. Brandstetter." An airborne intelligence

officer during the Second World War, Brandstetter turned up in Cuba as manager of the Havana Hilton during the last days of the Batista regime, where he renewed a wartime acquaintance with de Vosjoli, who was doing cloak-and-dagger work in Cuba for the French. When Castro ran Hilton out of Cuba, Brandstetter shifted to Las Brisas, a mountaintop resort Hilton operated near Acapulco. Las Brisas was the favored playspot for personnel of the CIA's Mexico City station during Brandstetter's tenure.

**Vice President Baker?** Senator Howard Baker is the man to watch if the assassination conspiracies begin unraveling. While on the Watergate committee, Baker got very interested in the CIA. Then when he got on Church's intelligence committee, he began to really dig. One assassination investigator says, "Baker has been quiet, but he's way out ahead on this."